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November 17, 2005

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVE CEQA FINDING AND AUTHORIZE THE ACQUISITION
OF A NUCLEAR MEDICINE GAMMA CAMERA SYSTEM
FOR OLIVE VIEW-UCLA MEDICAL CENTER
(3rd District) (3 Votes)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the project is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State Guidelines section 15301(a) and Class 1, Subsection (d) of the County of Los Angeles Revised Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.
2. Authorize the purchase and installation of a nuclear medicine gamma camera system at an estimated cost of \$411,000, including \$28,000 for room refurbishment to house the equipment, for Olive View-UCLA Medical Center.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

In approving the recommended actions, the Board is authorizing the Department of Health Services (DHS or Department) to purchase a major item of fixed asset equipment, specifically, a nuclear medicine gamma camera system for Olive View-UCLA Medical Center (Olive View).

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

The estimated acquisition cost is \$383,000 and the cost for the room refurbishment to house the equipment is estimated at \$28,000. The equipment will be purchased using funds in the Fiscal Year 2005-06 Fixed Asset budget and the room refurbishment will be completed by Olive View's Mechanical Department within existing resources. A one-year warranty for the equipment is included in the purchase.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The existing nuclear medicine gamma cameras are nearly 20 years old, and Olive View will replace one of the old cameras with new equipment that produces high quality diagnostic images. The equipment is used in the treatment of cancer patients and for performing organ scans for various acute and chronic disorders.

The camera system will provide state-of-the-art digital imaging capabilities, produce images faster, and will be interfaced with an existing computer image archival system that allows the images to be viewed by physicians at various locations within the medical center.

A room refurbishment to house the new equipment at a cost of \$28,000 is necessary for structural engineering and seismic anchoring. The room refurbishment will meet equipment installation standards, and will be completed within four to six weeks by the Olive View Mechanical Department staff.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence by promoting best practices for patient care and the Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by investing in the public infrastructure.

Consistency with DHS System Redesign

This action meets the Department's strategic goal by improving the health care services provided by DHS and enhancing the health of the residents of Los Angeles County.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

The installation of this equipment is categorically exempt from CEQA pursuant to State Guidelines section 15301(a) and Class 1, Subsection (d) of the County of Los Angeles Revised Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987. Under this categorical exemption, minor alteration of existing structures including installation of equipment which may require interior and exterior alterations of a building involving such things as interior partitions, exterior parapets, placement of walls, veneer facings and installation of false or drop ceilings, plumbing and electrical conveyances and heating and refrigeration systems, etc., is exempt.

CONTRACTING PROCESS:

The equipment request complies with the County Equipment Policy, approved on October 16, 2001, which requires Board approval prior to a department's purchasing/financing equipment with a unit cost of \$250,000 or greater, and falls under the statutory authority of the Internal Services Department's Purchasing Agent.

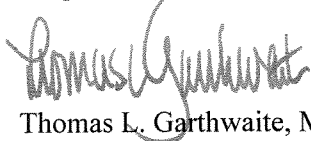
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IMPACT ON CURRENT PROGRAM SERVICES (OR PROJECTS):

The new equipment will continue the provision of necessary nuclear medicine studies at Olive View.

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, the Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors is requested to return three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Health Services.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas L. Garthwaite", is written over the printed name.

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